

For purposes of clarification, L can be attached to a G<sup>2</sup> carbon atom that is *ortho*, *meta*, or *para* relative to the G<sup>2</sup> carbon atom bearing the optionally substituted phenyl G<sup>3</sup> ring.

Finally, Applicants wish to address the Office's assertion that the present claims "lack a significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art" and the Office's reliance upon Nicolet, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1930**, 52, 1192-1195 (Nicolet) with respect to this assertion. Nicolet discloses compounds in which there is a two-carbon linker between the thiohydantoin ring and the amide carbonyl. In contrast, the present claims require that only one carbon (i.e., -C(R<sup>2</sup>)(R<sup>3</sup>)- in formula (I)) can be interposed between the hydantoin ring and the amide carbonyl. As such, the present claims do indeed have a "significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art." The Office's reliance upon Nicolet is therefore misplaced here.

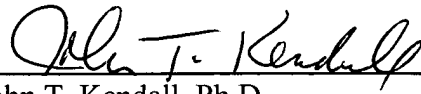
#### CONCLUSION

**If this proposed group is not acceptable to the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact their undersigned representative to discuss the restriction groups or this election.** Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy. To the extent the Examiner allows Applicants to elect the proposed group, the election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is a \$120 check for the One Month Petition for Extension of Time Fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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